

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Cassell (reg. 47,921) on 4/21/2010.

2. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim 1, but reversed all rejections against claim 6 dependent thereon. The independent claim 1 is cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Claim 2 is converted into independent form by examiner's amendment and the application with claim 2 is allowed.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according to claim [[1]]6, wherein that the interface is a standardized interface, in particular according to PCMCIA.
4. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according to claim [[1]]6, wherein the memory has a nonvolatile area, and after coupling of the memory system to the interface the software and/or data stored in the memory system are stored in the nonvolatile area.
5. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according claim [[1]]6, wherein that the memory has a volatile area, and after coupling of the memory system to the interface the software and/or data stored in the memory system are stored in the volatile area.

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6. (Currently Amended) ~~The bank note processing machine according to~~

~~claim 1~~, A bank note processing machine comprising:

sensors, a transport system including a singling unit and at least one stacking unit, an input/output device;

a control device with an associated memory which controls the elements of the bank note processing machine by means of software and/or data stored in the memory; and

an interface which makes it possible to couple memory systems of different kinds to the bank note processing machine in order to alter, supplement or replace the software and/or data stored in the memory;

wherein the memory system has a drive and a storage medium which are suitable for optical and/or magnetic recording;

wherein the transport system transports single bank notes singled by the singling unit along the sensors to the at least one stacking unit according to an evaluation of data obtained by the sensors by the control device; and

wherein data obtained in the bank note processing machine during operation are stored in the memory system.

7. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according to

claim ~~[[1]]~~6, wherein the software and/or data stored in the memory system are stored in

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encoded form, and the controller is set up to decode the encoded software and/or data.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: see the decision on claim 6 made by the Board on 2/16/2010.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

4. Drawings filed on 7/31/2001 have been accepted.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to INSUN KANG whose telephone number is (571)272-3724. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 7:30-6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis A. Bullock, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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